

The management of these changes often becomes burdensome.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22, as follows:

5 Generally, a method and apparatus are disclosed for providing persistent
 access to Web resources. According to an aspect of the invention, the Uniform Resource
 Locators that identify Web resources are optionally augmented to include a time stamp. The
 time stamp can be specified in the Uniform Resource Locator in any suitable format. In
 addition, variable time stamps can be utilized in accordance with the present invention to
10 indicate a number of different dates, such as a date range or a recurring period of time.
 According to one aspect of the invention, wildcard characters and date ranges can be used in
 the variable time-stamp to implement a variable time stamp when a user is not sure of the
 date for a specific web resource or wishes to specify more than one precise date and time.
 The present invention allows the Web to be an organized and reliable reference source, much
15 like paper-based media.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, as follows:

20 FIG. 1 illustrates a Web browser 100 in accordance with the present
 invention, that accesses information from one or more persistent Web servers 140, 150 over
 the Internet or World Wide Web environment 130. The present invention provides persistent
 access to Web resources or electronic documents, including textual, audio, video or
 animation documents. According to a feature of the present invention, the Uniform Resource
 Locators that identify Web resources are augmented to include a time stamp. The Web
25 browser 100 and persistent Web servers 140, 150 accommodate the additional time stamp
 parameter and allow a user to refer to any Web address with a precise target date. For
 example, the URL "http://cnn.com?time=2+2+1997" specifies the Web contents of the CNN
 home page on February 2, 1997. In this manner, the Web can be an organized and reliable
 reference source, much like paper-based media.